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JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENTA. Legal Grounds Disclosing Basis of
Jurisdiction herein:

Jurisdiction of the United States District Court rested upon Title 28, U.S.C. Sections 2241 (a), 2241 (c)(3) and 2242; the Fifth, Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution; and, Fay v. Noia, (1963), 372 U.S. 391. 83 S. Ct. 822.

Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under Title 28, U.S.C. Sections 1291, 2241 (a), 2241 (c)(3) & 2253. Title 28, U.S.C. Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 81 (a) (2); and, the Fifth, Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

B. Opinions Below:

The opinion of the District Court of Appeal of the State of California, First District, Division One, handed down on November 30, 1965, and appears in the Official Reports at 238 CA 2d 447, 48 Cal. Rptr. 55. A copy of said opinion is attached hereto (Exhibit "A"). There was no written opinion by the Supreme Court of the State of California.

The opinion of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California was handed down on December 6, 1966. It is unpublished. A copy of said opinion is attached

hereto as Exhibit "B".

C. Statement of the Pleadings and Facts
Conferring Jurisdiction:

Appellant was charged by an information filed by the District Attorney of Alameda County on November 12, 1963, with the crime of a felony, to wit, Burglary, a violation of California Penal Code Section 459. Said information was filed in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, in an action entitled, "THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, Plaintiff, vs. GRANT WILSON, Jr., Defendant", bearing no. 35373 in said Court.

After entering a plea of not guilty to the information, appellant was found guilty after trial by jury of the offense as charged on February 25, 1964. Thereafter, and on March 17, 1964, appellant was sentenced by the trial court as follows: Imprisonment in the State Prison for the term prescribed by law (i.e. 5 years to life), execution of said sentence suspended for the period of four years with a condition of probation that appellant serve one year in the Alameda County Jail.

Appellant served approximately two months of his aforesaid sentence in the Alameda County Jail and the trial court set bail on appeal, which said bail was posted. Upon posting the said bail, petitioner was released pending his appeal in the appellate courts of the State of California.

1 Timely notice of appeal was filed from said conviction
2 on March 17, 1964. Appellant's conviction was sustained by
3 Opinion of the District Court of Appeal. State of California
4 First Appellate District, Division One, filed on November 30,
5 1965. Said Opinion is officially reported in 238 C.A.2d 447,
6 48 Cal. Rptr. 55. Thereafter and on January 10, 1966, a
7 Petition for Hearing was filed with the Clerk of the Supreme
8 Court of the State of California and on January 16, 1966, that
9 Court entered its order denying said Petition.

10 On March 29, 1966, execution of the remainder of the
11 aforesaid judgment was ordered, bail was exonerated and
12 appellant was ordered into custody to serve the remainder of
13 his one year sentence in the Alameda County Jail.

14 On or about March 23, 1966, an application for stay
15 of execution of appellant's judgment pending application and
16 hearing on writ of certiorari was delivered to the Clerk of
17 the Supreme Court of the United States to be presented to Mr.
18 Justice William O. Douglas, Associate Justice of the United States
19 Supreme Court, and Circuit Justice for the Ninth Circuit. The
20 matter was presented to Mr. Justice Douglas by the Clerk of
21 the Supreme Court on March 29, 1966. Mr. Justice Douglas denied
22 appellant's application for stay of execution pending the filing
23 and disposition of a petition for a writ of certiorari in the
24 United States Supreme Court.

25 On April 5, 1966, a petition for a writ of habeas

1 corpus was filed in the United States District Court for the
2 Northern District of California (then Southern Division), being
3 Action No. 44981 in said Court and entitled, "GRANT WILSON, Jr.,
4 Petitioner, vs. FRANK MADIGAN, Respondent, THE PEOPLE OF THE
5 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, Real Party in Interest." On the same day,
6 an Application for Stay of Proceedings in State Courts and for
7 Bail Pending Hearing and Determination on Petition for Writ of
8 Habeas Corpus was filed in said action. An order to show
9 cause on the said Petition and Application was issued April 6,
10 1966 and directed to the Attorney General of the State of
11 California.

12 On April 14, 1966, a hearing was had on said order
13 to show cause before the said United States District Court,
14 the Honorable Alfonso J. Zirpoli, Judge Presiding. At said
15 time and place the petition for writ of habeas corpus was sub-
16 mitted by the parties to the Court and the said Court issued
17 its order setting bail in the amount of \$1,000 on habeas
18 corpus, ordered the appellant's release from state custody
19 forthwith, and stayed the execution of judgment as against the
20 State of California.

21 On June 28, 1966, the said District Court in said
22 action, issued and filed its order vacating submission of the
23 matter and directed the parties to file supplemental briefs
24 in light of the decisions of Miranda vs. State of Arizona,
25 No. 759, October Term, 1965 and Johnson vs. State of New Jersey.

1 No. 762, October Term, 1965.

2 Thereafter the parties filed supplemental briefs,
3 and on December 6, 1966, the said District Court issued and
4 filed its order denying petitioner's petition for writ of
5 habeas corpus, vacated its order releasing petitioner on bail
6 and ordered appellant's return to the custody of respondent.

7 On December 16, 1966 appellant petitioned the said
8 United States District Court for a certification of probable
9 cause to appeal its aforesaid decision of December 6, 1966 to
0 the United States Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit and
1 for further relief to set aside and vacate the said Court's
2 order setting aside and vacating stay of execution of sentence
3 pending appeal.

4 Thereafter, and on December 15, 1966, pursuant to
5 the provisions of 28 U.S. Code Section 2253 the said District
6 Court issued its certificate of probable cause to appeal its
7 order denying the petition for writ of habeas corpus (See
8 Exhibit "C" attached hereto), said order being dated December 6,
9 1966, and on said date set aside and vacated its order setting
0 aside and vacating the stay of execution of sentence pending
1 appeal. Appellant was released from the custody of the respon-
2 dent on bail in the sum of \$1,000.00.

3 Thereafter, and on January 4, 1967, a timely notice
4 of appeal was filed in the aforesaid action in the United States
5 District Court for the Northern District of California.

II
STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Evidence adduced at the trial herein and comments by the prosecutor in his final argument:

After a telephone complaint to the Oakland Police, responding officers converged on the area of 271 Vernon Street in Oakland, California. Inspecting the premises, officers heard noises, and two men ran from the garage area of the building. They refused to obey one of the officers' commands to halt. While searching the neighborhood in the direction the suspects had gone, appellant emerged from between two buildings and started to run. One of the officers commanded, "Stop, or I will shoot" and appellant stopped. Officer Hoover drew his service revolver and held appellant at gunpoint. Immediately thereafter, Officer Fiege handcuffed the appellant. Appellant was breathing hard, sweating heavily and appeared frightened. (T.R. 187-188, 254-255*)

After Officer Hoover had drawn his revolver and was holding appellant at gunpoint, the officer was allowed to testify over objection that the following transpired (T.R. 194):

"Q. What did you say?

A. I asked him (appellant) what his name was.

Q. What did he say?

A. He didn't say anything.

* Hereinafter "T.R." will refer to the Trial Record.

1 "Q. Any other questions by you?

2 A. I asked him where he was going in such a hurry.

3 Q. What did he say, if anything?

4 A. He didn't say anything."

5 Immediately thereafter, Officer Fiege handcuffed
6 appellant and ordered him into the back of the police car and they
7 returned to 271 Vernon Street (T.R. 132). Over objection by
8 trial counsel for appellant, Officer Fiege was allowed to testify
9 that he had the following conversation with appellant in the
10 police car at 271 Vernon Street (T.R. 133-138, 140-143):

11 "DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Q. All right what did you
12 say to the defendant? What was the conversation,
Officer?

13 A. I asked the defendant (appellant) his name.
14 He did not answer. I asked him his address, he
15 did not answer. I asked him if he lived in that
16 area. He did not answer. I asked him who he
17 had been with. He did not answer. I asked him
18 if there was anybody in that area that I could
19 contact to clear him, and he still did not answer."

20 Shortly thereafter, Officer Hoover came to the patrol
21 car in which appellant was sitting, handcuffed, and stated (T.R.
22 142-143):

23 "There had been a burglary committed at 271 Vernon
24 Street."

25 Then Officer Fiege testified:

"I told the defendant (appellant) that there
was a burglary in that building and that he
was under arrest for investigation of burglary
and I asked him if he had anything to say for
himself. I repeated this twice. On the third

1 "time, he said, his answer was, 'was there a
2 burglary committed in that building?'" (T.R.
143)

3 Officer Fiege testified further as to all the remainder
4 of any conversation between him and appellant. (T.R. 143):

5 "The only thing I did say was that we would
6 have to book him without a name because he
7 would not give us his name or address or
anything else."

8 At no time was appellant advised of his Fifth Amendment
9 privilege against self-incrimination. At no time was appellant
0 advised of his Sixth Amendment rights to counsel and to remain
1 silent.

2 Among the following are some of the comments made by
3 the prosecutor in his final argument:

4 "(Hoover commanded appellant) 'Stop, or I will
5 shoot', and the man stopped. So (Hoover) walks
6 up and says (to appellant), 'What is your name?'
7 This is an innocent man, mind you, and he didn't
8 know anything about the law; just a grand guy
9 out there in the street. "What is your name -
10 where are you going in such a hurry, buddy?"
11 Not a response. (T.R. 398). He won't even
12 say his name; won't even give his name."
13 (Emphasis added.)

14 "(After appellant was handcuffed, the officers
15 asked him), 'What is your name?' Nothing.
16 'What is your address?' Nothing. 'Who are you
17 visiting; why were you here?' Nothing. Then
18 Mr. Hoover, Officer Hoover comes out and says,
19 'We find a door has been opened.' This is the
20 door to Agent Wilkins' apartment. 'We find a
21 door has been opened.' So right then, now, we
22 have got something. Hoover told that in front
23 of this man and the officer said, 'You are
24 accused of burglary of that apartment and that
25 building.' to which he said nothing. * * * you

1 "have got him (appellant) in the face of an
2 accusatory statement not saying anything."
3 (T.R. 401) (Emphasis added.)

4 "* * * But the critical thing is he (appellant)
5 is willing to talk now when he wasn't that
6 night (of the arrest) * * *" (T.R. 402)
7 (Emphasis added.)

8 "* * * That man knew in advance what to do -
9 for example, not to talk to police officers."
10 (T.R. 424)

11 "Unexplained possession of stolen property means
12 at the time when he was caught. This when
13 it is important, and not now. This is when you
14 know; that's when a man has to think on his feet.
15 And this man had it licked. He said nothing.
16 This is the best, frankly. If any of you would
17 be a burglar, that is the thing to do, say
18 nothing. That's just what he did." (T.R. 423)
19 (Emphasis added.)

20 Other and similar comments by the prosecutor in his
21 final argument can be found at pages 389, 390, 404, 407 and 428
22 of the Trial Record.

23 III

24 SUMMARY OF OPINIONS BELOW

25 A. Holding of California:

26 The District Court of Appeal, State of California,
27 First Appellate District, Division One held in its opinion (Op.,
28 Exhibit "A").

1 Evidence of questions propounded to appellant by
2 interrogating officers and his ensuing conduct was properly ad-
3 mitted in that his silence in the vace of questioning was "mere
4 non-assertive conduct; * * * not a declaration but a failure to

offer an explanation, under circumstances which call for one, which in turn gives rise to an inference and consciousness of guilt," (Op. 9), and his failure to deny an accusation when advised that he was under arrest for investigation of burglary added the element of an "adoptive admission that the charge was true." (Op. 10).

2. California Penal Code Section 647(e) makes it a criminal offense for a person to loiter or wander upon the street from place to place without apparent reason or business and who refuses to identify himself and to account for his presence when requested by any peace officer to so do. It then concludes that if there is such a right to interrogate, the "results of such interrogation should be available * * * (herein) (Op. 12)

3. The Dorado (62 C.2d 350) proscription was not applicable herein in that the burglary for which appellant was arrested was discovered during appellant's interrogation; and, that the interrogation of appellant while he was under gunpoint, handcuffed and in the police car did not fall within Dorado in that "they (the police) were affording him an opportunity which police officers normally and routinely offer to any person whom they are taking into custody to give any explanation of his conduct which he may desire to give." (Op. 13-16)

4. Griffin v. California, 380 U.S. 609, does not require a reappraisal of the rule which permits evidence of

conduct, more particularly of silence, of the defendant to be admitted as evidence of consciousness of guilt. (Op. 15-16)

B. Holding of the United States District Court:

The United States District Court for the Northern District of California, the Honorable Alfonso J. Zirpoli, Judge presiding, held in its opinion (U.S. Op.*):

1. Appellant's federally protected constitutional rights were not denied him "* * * when the prosecution introduced evidence of his silence in response to accusatory questions as an admission by silence * * *" in that appellant's trial commenced February 20, 1964. (U.S. Op., page 2) In making this holding the Court stated that it is now clear that silence of an individual under police custodial interrogation cannot be used against him in a criminal trial, citing Miranda v. Arizona, 385 U.S. 719 (1966), and held that appellant was not entitled to the benefit of the statement of law in Footnote 37 in Miranda. (U.S. Op., pages 3, 4 and 5). In this regard it held further that the rule of "prospective application" for the holding in Griffin v. California, 380 U.S. 609 (1965), as set forth in Tehan v. Shott, 382 U.S. 406 (1966), is not applicable to appellant and that Footnote 37 "* * * is considered a part of the holding in Miranda * * *" and that the reference therein "* * * to Griffin v. California, supra, is merely by way of analogy

* "U.S. Op." hereinafter will refer to Judge Zirpoli's opinion, Exhibit "B".

1 * * *. (U.S. Op., pages 4 and 5).

2 2. It made no finding and expressed no view as to
3 whether appellant was in custody at the time the interrogation
4 was conducted. (U.S. Op., page 3)

5 3. It cited People v. Simmons, 28 Cal.2d 699 (194
6 and applying the test set forth therein stated:

7 " * * It seems clear that the State itself
8 conceded that petitioner (appellant) was
9 invoking his privilege against self-
10 incrimination. The record is replete with
comment by the prosecutor on the silence of
the defendant. Two of the more startling
examples of comment by the prosecutor are:

11 'What is your name? This is an innocent man,
12 mind you, and he didn't know anything about
13 the law; just a grand guy out there in the
street.'" (T.R. 398) (Emphasis added.)

14 " * * That man knew in advance what to do -
15 for example, not to talk to police officers."
(T.R. 23) (Emphasis added) (U.S. Op., page 5)

16 Then the United States District Court made this
17 startling observation:

18 "It is surprising to this Court that the state
19 courts found that the above comments did not
20 violate the rule laid down in the Simmons case;
but the question is one of state law, not
21 federal law, since petitioner cannot come
within the date for prospective application
of Miranda." (U.S. Op., page 6)

22 IV

23 SPECIFICATION OF ERROR

24 THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT ERRED IN HOLDING
25 THAT APPELLANT WAS NOT ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF

1 THE RULE OF PROSPECTIVE APPLICATION OF GRIFFIN VS.
2 CALIFORNIA ACCORDING TO TEHAN VS. SHOTT. IT FURTHER
3 ERRED IN HOLDING THAT JOHNSON VS. NEW JERSEY CONTROLS
4 HEREIN RE PROSPECTIVE APPLICATION OF MIRANDA VS.
5 ARIZONA.

6 V

7 ARGUMENT

8 The rules of Miranda v. Arizona, 384 U.S. 436, 86 S.
9 Ct. 1602 (1966), and Johnson v. New Jersey, 384 U.S. 719, 86
10 S.Ct. 1772 (1966), have application to the case at bench only
11 insofar as Miranda aids in the interpretation of Griffin v.
12 California, 380 U.S. 609, 85 S.Ct. 1229 (1965). Appellant falls
13 within the holding of Griffin and is entitled to habeas corpus
14 thereunder by its proper prospective application as delineated
15 by Tehan v. United States Ex rel. Shott, 382 U.S. 406, 86 S.Ct.
16 459 (1966).

17 Inherent in the decision of the United States District
18 Court (Exhibit "B") is the underlying feeling that appellant
19 has not been treated fairly by the Courts of the State of
20 California and that the District Court's order was commanded
21 by the holding in Miranda v. Arizona, supra, and Johnson v.
22 New Jersey, supra. The United States District Court recognized
23 that appellant's liberty depends upon the interpretation it
24 placed upon the language in Footnote 37 in the majority opinion
25 of Miranda v. Arizona, 384 U.S. 468, 86 S.Ct. 1624. It does

1 not appear that the language in said footnote has been interpreted
2 by any federal court other than by the opinion of Judge Zirpoli
3 herein below. (See copy of Petition for Certificate of Probable
4 Cause filed in the United States District Court and part of the
5 record on appeal herein.)

6 If, as the United States District Court contends, this
7 case is controlled solely by the holding in Miranda, and not by
8 Miranda in clarifying and restating Griffin, appellant has no
9 standing before this Court due to the rule of prospective appli-
10 cation as set forth in Johnson v. Maryland, supra.

11 On the other hand, if Footnote 37 merely clarifies
12 and restated the holding in Griffin, the United States District
13 Court erred and should have applied the prospective application
14 rule of Tehan, supra, and should have issued a writ of habeas
15 corpus to appellant.

16 The pertinent part of the aforesaid Footnote 37 states:

17 "In accord with this decision, it is
18 impermissible to penalize an individual for
19 exercising his Fifth Amendment privilege
20 when he is under police custodial interro-
21 gation. The prosecution may not, therefore,
22 use at trial the fact that he stood mute or
23 claimed his privilege in the face of accusa-
24 tion. Cf Griffin vs. California, 380 U.S.
25 609, 85 S.Ct. 1229 ***"

26 According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary,
27 Abbreviations Used In This Work, "Cf" is the abbreviation for
28 "confer (L. compare)". "Confer" is defined as "To compare; now
29 only in the imperative."

1 The Court in Miranda does not contrast or differentiate
2 Griffin, but, rather, it compares. Thus it represents as
3 similar and likens the footnote to its holding in Griffin.

4 Griffin compels the issuance of a writ of habeas corpus
5 herein.

6 In Miranda, certain new guidelines are set forth for
7 constitutional law enforcement (e.g., the necessity of providing
8 an attorney at no expense to a suspect)

9 The Court also makes certain many points which were
10 somewhat ambiguous in prior opinions. It defined what it meant
11 in Escobedo v. Illinois, 378 U.S. 478, 84 S.Ct. 1758, when it
12 spoke of an investigation which had focused on an accused. It
13 set forth in particularity the three required admonitions which
14 must be made to a suspect from its opinion in Escobedo, (1) to
15 warn him of his right to remain silent, (2) to inform him of
16 his right to consult with an attorney prior to making a state-
17 ment, and (3) to inform him that anything he says will be used
18 against him in a Court of Law. It further stated that the right
19 to an attorney could not depend upon a request (as California
20 defined Escobedo in People vs. Dorado, 62 Cal.2d 338).

21 In Footnote 37 of Miranda, the Court followed the
22 latter concept and merely defined and made certain that which
23 could be considered as ambiguous in Griffin. The Court did not
24 make new law in Footnote 37.

25 Thus, when Johnson v. New Jersey, supra, is applied

1 to the present case, the rule as to prospective application as
2 set forth in Tehan vs. United States Ex rel. Shott, 382 U.S.
3 406, 86 S.Ct. 459, applies.

4 The basic concept of the Court in Escobedo that there
5 is a right to counsel before arraignment as well as after
6 arraignment is woven through the reasoning of Griffin. In the
7 case at bench, the proscribed comments of the Court or prose-
8 cutor are the same for acts of the defendant within the court-
9 room as well as acts of the defendant prior to trial.

0 The rule of prospective application herein is set
1 forth in Tehan v. United States Ex rel. Shott, supra, (to wit
2 Griffin) does not apply to cases where (a) judgment of convic-
3 tion is final and (b) the availability of appeal in the State
4 Courts has been exhausted, and (c) time to file a petition for
5 certiorari has passed (or certiorari denied), all prior to
6 April 29, 1965 (the effective date of Griffin).

7 Herein, the State Courts had not finally decided the
8 matter prior to the United States Supreme Court's holding in
9 Griffin.

0 VI

1 CONCLUSION

2 WHEREFORE, appellant respectfully submits that the
3 Order of the United States District Court denying his Petition
4 for Writ of Habeas Corpus should be reversed for the reasons
5 stated heretofore, and for such other and further relief as this

1 Court deems meet and proper in the premises.

2 DATED: August 7, 1967.

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EXHIBIT "A"

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 for the term prescribed by law. Execution of sentence was sus-
 pended and he was placed on probation for a period of four years
 on terms and conditions which included serving a term of one
 year in the county jail. Defendant has appealed from the final
 judgment of conviction, from the sentence imposed, and from an
 order denying a motion for a new trial. Although the propriety
 of the order denying a motion for a new trial may be reviewed on
 the appeal from the judgment, no appeal lies from it as such, so
 the purported appeal from that order must be dismissed. (Pen.
 Code §1237.) The appeal from the sentence is merged in that from
 the judgment. (Id., and see People v. Sweeney (1960) 55 Cal. 2d
 7, 33.)

Defendant contends that the trial court erred in admitting
 testimony of "conversations" had with the defendant. Because there
 is only one statement of the defendant involved, the question is

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Following a jury verdict finding defendant guilty of burglary in the first degree in violation of section 459 of the Penal Code, he was sentenced to be imprisoned in the state prison for the term prescribed by law. Execution of sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for a period of four years upon terms and conditions which included serving a term of one year in the county jail. Defendant has appealed from the final judgment of conviction, from the sentence imposed, and from an order denying a motion for a new trial. Although the propriety of the order denying a motion for a new trial may be reviewed on the appeal from the judgment, no appeal lies from it as such, so the purported appeal from that order must be dismissed. (Pen. Code §1237.) The appeal from the sentence is merged in that from the judgment. (Id.) and see *People v. Sweeney* (1960) 55 Cal. 2d 27, 33.)

Defendant contends that the trial court erred in admitting testimony of "conversations" had with the defendant. Because there is only one statement of the defendant involved, the question is

more properly framed as whether or not the trial court was justified in admitting evidence of questions propounded to the defendant, together with evidence of the lone answer to one and his failure to answer the remaining questions, on the grounds that such evidence either showed acquiescence of the defendant in the truth of the statement, or indicated his consciousness of guilt. For reasons hereinafter set forth the rulings of the trial court are upheld.

The defendant contends that it was error to admit in evidence certain articles found on his person which were not shown to have been actually connected with the burglary which in fact occurred; that it was error for the prosecutor to maintain these articles in view of the jury prior to their introduction in evidence; and that the prosecutor committed prejudicial error in referring in his argument to an article which was not admitted in evidence. A review herein of the circumstances of this case reflects that all of the articles were properly before the jury and no error can be predicated on any of the foregoing propositions.

Defendant does not contend that the evidence is insufficient to sustain his conviction. It is, however, necessary to recount it in substance so that the matters complained of can be viewed in proper perspective. This is particularly true insofar as it is contended that certain police action violated defendant's prearrestment right to be advised of his rights to counsel and to remain silent. (See *People v. Stewart* (1965) 62 Cal. 2d 571, 579.)

The victim, a United States Treasury Agent, testified that he lived in apartment 002 of a three-story apartment building with approximately 20 units at 271 Vernon Street in Oakland; that his apartment was the rear one of two on a floor below the level of Vernon

street, but above the carport area in the back of the apartment.

On Friday, September 13, 1963, at about 7:00 p.m., he left the apartment for the weekend, turned off the lights, and locked the door. Keys to the apartment were held by himself, the manager and his wife, who was away during all of the period involved. Although the bed was not made up, generally everything was in order in the apartment.

Early the following morning, at 3:30 a.m. on September 14th, pursuant to directions received on the police radio, three officers converged on the premises at 271 Vernon Street. Officer Lusk, the first to arrive, talked to a man coming out of the driveway of the premises and went down the driveway into a garage area under the apartment building. He continued on through a door to the back of the building to another parking area under the apartment and checked the automobiles there. Officer Hoover, who pulled up as Lusk was getting out of his car, walked over and talked to the reporting party in the driveway with Lusk. While he was still there Officer Fiege arrived and joined the conversation. Hoover went down to check cars in the subterranean garage.

Fiege went searching down through the garage and out the same door through which Lusk had exited toward the rear of the building. He descended some stairs which led to a back driveway leading to the carports under the apartment. Just before he entered the driveway he heard a commotion of feet moving in the driveway and around the side of the building. He stepped around the corner, showed his flashlight in the direction from which he had heard the noise, and saw the lower half of a man going in the doorway in the middle of the building. He shouted, "Come out of there," went to the doorway

and observed two men going through a doorway at the top of some stairs at the end of a hall. He got to the top of the stairs in time to see the two men running down another hallway. He observed that they both had on dark clothes and that the rearmost of the two men had black gloves on and some kind of black cloth in his left rear pocket. The man in front seemed to have a suit coat on, and the other a knit-type sweater. Fiege was running and shouting "Halt," but the men did not halt. They ran out of the building, turned right on Vernon Street and turned off Vernon Street into a driveway.

Meanwhile Lusk, who was also in the rear of the building, had heard Fiege's shouts. He turned and saw Fiege starting up the stairway. He ran over and saw Fiege at the first landing with someone running ahead of him. Lusk doubled back around the side of the building, and by the time he came to the street there was no one there.

Hoover, who was just about to go through the door from the subterranean garage to the rear, heard the shouts and sounds of running to the rear of the building. He ran toward the street and as he came up the stairway saw "people" running south on Vernon with Officer Fiege running after them. He chased them down Vernon Street and saw one turn in the driveway.

Fiege, who was tired, gave up the chase at the point where Hoover overtook him, and returned to his patrol car. Hoover ran into the driveway and stopped momentarily in a parking area. He heard sounds to the south and to the west, and followed those which he believed to be the closer. Upon arriving at a stairway he saw a person descending and yelled, "Stop, police." The suspect turned north on reaching the street at the foot of the stairs, and Hoover, on arriving at the same street, observed him run northbound and turn

to the left between two buildings. At this point Fiege drove by, conversed with Hoover and continued around the block. Hoover again saw the suspect as the latter emerged from between the two buildings and started to run across a traffic island. When the officer again yelled, "Stop, or I will shoot," he stopped. Hoover held him, now identified as the defendant, at gun point. He was joined by Officer Dorsey who handcuffed the defendant and in less than a minute Fiege came on the scene.

Both Fiege and Hoover noticed that the defendant was out of breath and sweating profusely, and according to Hoover, he appeared to be frightened. He was attired in a white shirt with a dark sweater which was tucked in at the collar, dark pants, dark shoes and no socks. He had black leather gloves on, and held a silver pen-light in his hand.

At the trial Hoover was asked to relate any conversation he had with the defendant at this point. After objection was overruled the following transpired: "Q. ... What did you say? A. I asked him what his name was. Q. What did he say? A. He didn't say anything. Q. Any other questions by you? A. I asked him where he was going in such a hurry. Q. What did he say, if anything? A. He didn't say anything."

Hoover then searched the defendant and found the following three pairs of socks - gray, black and brown argyle - and a black silk sack in his left rear pants pocket; a second small pen-light in the sack; a black Navy watch cap in the right front pants pocket; a pair of bolt cutters with the handles cut off in his right rear pants pocket; and three plastic strips in his only shirt pocket. Defendant bore no wallet, credit cards or other cards indicating his identification.

He had nothing else on his person other than a normal man's white handkerchief and money amounting to seven or eight dollars.

Fiege placed the defendant in his patrol car and returned to park in front of 271 Vernon Street. Hoover retraced his steps in a vain search for anything that might possibly have been thrown away. Meanwhile Lusk had been looking around the apartment building and found the door of apartment 002 open two or three inches. The apartment was dark and no one responded when he rang the bell. He went out to the front to get another officer to enter the apartment with him.

Lusk met Hoover, who had returned to the apartment building, and they returned and entered apartment 002. They observed three jewelry boxes and the scattered contents thereof on the bed, and drawers of a dresser standing open.

At the trial Fiege was interrogated as to what transpired in the police car and, after defendant's objection was overruled, testified as follows: "Q. All right, what did you say to the defendant; what was the conversation, Officer? A. I asked the defendant his name. He did not answer. I asked him his address. He did not answer. I asked him if he lived in that area. He did not answer. I asked him who he had been with. He did not answer. I asked him if there was anybody in the area that I could contact to clear him, and he still did not answer."

The witness continued: "This took a few minutes. I was interrogating him and Officer Hoover came to the side of the car and said, 'There was a burglary committed in that building.'"

These remarks were stricken pending presentation of further foundation and argument which ended in the overruling of defendant's

objection, and the examination continued as follows: "Q. What did Officer Hoover say? A. Officer Hoover told me that there had been a burglary committed in 271 Vernon Street. Q. Did you have further conversation with the defendant at that time? A. I did. Q. What did you say and what did he say? A. I told the defendant that there was a burglary in that building and he was under arrest for investigation of burglary, and I asked him if he had anything to say for himself. I repeated this twice. On the third time he said, his answer was, 'Was there a burglary committed in that building?'"

According to the officer the only other remark which was passed to or from the defendant was, in the witness' words: "The only thing I did say was that we would have to book him without a name because he wouldn't give us his name or address or anything else."

Lusk returned to the apartment with the manager, locked it up and left a note for the tenant. The victim returned to the apartment about 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 15th. He found the jewelry boxes lying dumped over with their contents spread out over the bed, and discovered that a gun and handcuffs had been taken from the top drawer of a chest of drawers. Subsequently, after examining the articles held by the police, he discovered that the pair of black stretch socks and the pair of brown argyle socks with a small hole were missing from the third drawer of the same chest. Nothing else was missing from the apartment.

An experienced burglary investigator testified that he was familiar with tools used by burglars in practicing their trade or profession; that the bolt cutters, the handles of which had been shortened, and the isinglass or plastic strips are burglary tools;

that he had opened both a door to the apartment building and the door to apartment 002 by use of one of the strips; that a plastic strip when so used usually does not leave a mark; and that the bolt cutters if used to cut a night chain, or as a prying instrument, would leave a mark. There were no night chains on any of the apartment doors in question, and the record is devoid of any evidence to show that any marks were found.

The defendant testified that he and his wife had arrived in Oakland about midnight September 13, 1963 on the return trip to his home in Los Angeles from a visit to his ailing father in Camas, Washington; that with his brother and the latter's wife, who came in another car, they took separate rooms at the Fairview Motel, about six or eight blocks away from where he was apprehended; that being unable to sleep, he went for a walk, found the black bag, and was examining its contents - trying the gloves for fit, and putting things in his pockets as he pulled them out - when he heard a commotion; that he looked up and saw two men running, and he started to run; and that when they identified themselves as officers, he stopped and was taken into custody. He denied he had ever been in apartment 002 at 271 Vernon Street, and stated that the three pairs of socks found in his pocket came from the black bag he had picked up.

He denied that Officer Hoover was present at the scene of his original apprehension, and that any officer questioned him at that point. He stated that when questioned in front of the premises he told the officers he was not a burglar and denied vehemently that he had anything to do with a burglary. He admitted that he failed to answer questions concerning his name and address, and that he had not given the officers the account of his activities he recited from the

itness stand.

His wife verified his activities to and including their registering at the motel in Oakland, and two former fellow employees vouched for his character.

I. Evidence of the questions propounded to defendant and his ensuing conduct was properly admitted.

Defendant assumes that all of the questions propounded to defendant by both officers are accusatory statements, and that it was error to admit them and his conduct in response thereto because of his right to remain silent under the Federal and state Constitutions. He appeals to three separate, although related, legal principles, as demonstrating the error of the trial court (see People v. Simmons (1946) 28 Cal. 2d 699, 721; People v. Dorado (1965) 62 Cal. 2d 338, 342-357; and Griffin v. California (1965) 380 U.S. 609), but no one of them is controlling here.

Before examining his arguments it is proper to analyze the nature of the evidence of which complaint is made. The questions directed to defendant concerning his name, where he was going in such a hurry, his address, whether he lived in the area, with whom he had been, and whether there was anyone in the area the officer could contact to clear him, contain no accusations which are converted into adoptive admissions by the defendant's silence, unless resort be had to the fact, which was conceded by all, that he was in a hurry when apprehended. The silence here is mere nonassertive conduct; it is not a declaration but a failure to offer an explanation, under circumstances which call for one, which in turn gives rise to an inference of consciousness of guilt. (See Cal. Evidence Code (1965) §§ 225, subd. (b) and 1200, and Comment, §1200; cf. 2 Wigmore, Evidence,

§§273, 276, pp. 106-111; and Witkin, Cal. Evidence, §214, p. 239; with 4 Wigmore, Evidence, §§1071-1072, p. 70, et seq.; and Witkin, Cal. Evidence, §§235-237, pp. 266, et seq.)

On the other hand the failure to deny the accusation, when Feige advised the defendant that he was under arrest for investigation of burglary, and asked him if he had anything to say for himself, could give rise not only to an inference of consciousness of guilt, but also an adoptive admission that the charge was true. (See Code Civ. Proc., §1870, subd. (3); Cal. Evidence Code (1965) §1221; and texts last cited.)

(A) In *People v. Simmons*, supra, 28 Cal. 2d 699, at page 721, the opinion points out it is an abuse of discretion on the part of the trial court to admit statements of the defendant's woman friend and a codefendant which tended to incriminate defendant where it was obvious from his responses, on being confronted with these statements - "I told you all I am going to tell you," etc. - that he was attempting to exercise his constitutional privilege against self-incrimination. (See also *Martinez v. Superior Court* (1964) 224 Cal. App. 2d 755, 757-759.)

The opinion lays down the general rules as to the use of accusatory statements as follows: "Accusatory statements of the character here involved are plain hearsay. They may properly find their way into the record only as admissions, under the familiar exception to the hearsay rule. If the accused responds to the statement with a flat denial, there is no admission and hence nothing that may be received in evidence. If, on the contrary, the truth of the statement is admitted, the statement may properly be introduced. A third situation is presented when the accused stands mute in the face

the accusation or responds with an evasive or equivocal reply. In that situation this court has held that under certain circumstances both the statement and the fact of the accused's failure to deny are admissible on a criminal trial as evidence of the acquiescence of the accused in the truth of the statement or as indicative of a consciousness of guilt.

"The theory underlying this rule is that the natural reaction of an innocent man to an untrue accusation is to enter a prompt denial. Where his response is silence, evasion, or equivocation, it is for the trial court to determine in the first instance whether the accusation has been made under circumstances calling for reply, whether the accused understood the statement, and whether his conduct or response was such as to give rise to an inference of acquiescence or guilty consciousness. Where the trial judge determines that such an inference may be drawn, the statement is then admitted, not as substantive evidence in proof of the fact asserted but merely as a basis for showing the reaction of the accused to it." 28 Cal. 2d pp. 712-713; see also *People v. Whitehorn* (1963) 60 Cal. 2d 256, 261-262; *People v. Davis* (1957) 48 Cal. 2d 241, 249-250; *People v. Davis* (1954) 43 Cal. 2d 661, 669-672; *People v. De Leon* (1965) 236 A.C.A. 582, 587; *People v. Stewart* (1965) 236 A.C.A. 27, 33; *People v. Atwood* (1963) 223 Cal. App. 2d 316, 329-331; *People v. Flynn* (1963) 217 Cal. App. 2d 289, 295-296.)

Here the court properly passed on the admissibility of the evidence and the jury was correctly instructed, substantially as suggested in Whitehorn (60 Cal. 2d at p. 261, fn. 1), and in Atwood (223 Cal. App. 2d at p. 328, fn. 5). No violation of Simmons appears on the record. Defendant suggests that the defendant's silence is of

himself an indication of his claim to the constitutional privilege against self-incrimination, and that therefore no accusatory statement or other question can be used. This argument was made and rejected in Flynn (217 Cal. App. 2d at p. 296; and see Atwood, 223 Cal. App. 2d at p. 331).

Furthermore, as pointed out above the only implied admission used against him was that arising from his failure to deny the accusation after the burglary was discovered. It is recognized that, "There is, of course, nothing unreasonable in an officer's questioning persons outdoors at night [citations], and it is possible that in some circumstances even a refusal to answer would, in the light of other evidence, justify an arrest. [Citation.]" (People v. Simon (1955) 45 Cal. 2d 645, 650.) The cases setting forth the California rule permitting temporary detention for questioning are set forth in People v. Machel (1965) 234 A.C.A. 38, 44-45. In fact since 1961 it has been provided by statute: "Every person who commits any of the following acts shall be guilty of disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor; ... (e) Who loiters or wanders upon the streets or from place to place without apparent reason or business and who refuses to identify himself and to account for his presence when requested by any peace officer so to do, if the surrounding circumstances are such as to indicate to a reasonable man that the public safety demands such identification." (Pen. Code, §647, subd. (e); and see People v. Bruno (1962) 211 Cal. App. 2d Supp. 355, passim.) If there is such a right to interrogate, the results of such interrogation should be available where they reflect conduct on the part of the defendant which tends to establish his guilt unless there is a supervening policy of the law which prevents the use of the conduct or statements

of the accused.

(B) Defendant contends that the principle established in People v. Dorado, supra, 62 Cal. 2d 338, 342-357, which precludes the use of a defendant's statements against him under the circumstances therein outlined, now prohibits the use of a defendant's silence under similar circumstances. This, of course, may well be true in regard to any adoptive admission or attempt to use the defendant's silence or evasive conduct to show that the declarations of another are true. (See People v. De Leon, supra, 236 A.C.A. 582, 588-590; People v. Stewart, supra, 236 A.C.A. 27, 30-34.) The juxtaposition of Simmons and Dorado was envisioned by Justice Carter in the former case when he suggested that the defendant when being interrogated in the accusatory stage should be cautioned that his reaction to an accusatory statement would be used against him. (28 Cal. 2d pp. 718-719.) Stewart points out that it is inconsistent to state on the one hand that the defendant should be advised of his constitutional right to remain silent, and yet at the same time permit that silence to be used against him as evidence of his guilt. (236 A.C.A. at p. 33.)

The facts here, however, do not come within the proscription of Dorado. The defendant was in custody, either under arrest, or perhaps, until the burglary was discovered, merely being detained for investigation. The investigation had focused on him, although at the outset it may not have been clear just what, if any, offense had been committed. He was not effectively informed of his right to counsel and of his right to remain silent. He had not waived those rights, and in fact did remain silent for reasons which were unexpressed and best known to himself.

Two circumstances distinguish this case from Dorado and

from Stewart and De Leon. Because the questions propounded to the defendant before the discovery of the burglary were not accusatory statements, there is no attempt to foist the declarations of others on the defendant as his own admissions. The defendant's failure to respond to inquiries concerning his name, address, destination, companions, if any, and acquaintanceship in the neighborhood is, as pointed out above, in no sense the adoption of declarations of another. No declarations or statements of the defendant are involved, and his silence cannot be distinguished in this regard from his other non-assertive conduct in fleeing from the scene and twice previously refusing to obey the officers' commands to halt.

Circumstances may be imagined where answering the type of question here involved would violate the provision against self-incrimination which has been extended to nontestimonial compulsion. (See *People v. Dorado*, supra, 62 Cal. 2d at p. 352, applying *Escobedo v. Illinois* (1964) 378 U.S. 478 ; and *People v. Stewart*, supra, 36 A.C.A. 27, 30.) *Dorado*, however, recognizes: "Nothing that we have said, of course, should be interpreted to restrict law enforcement officers during the investigatory stage from securing information from one who is later accused of the crime or from obtaining answers to their questions." (62 Cal. 2d at p. 354.) So here appears a second distinction between the facts of this case and those of Dorado, Stewart and De Leon. The circumstances here reflect that at the time the preliminary questions were asked the officers did not know what crime, if any, had been committed. The questions were not designed to elicit incriminating statements, but to afford the defendant an opportunity to explain his presence and actions. Therefore, even if the probative facts elicited be deemed extrajudicial statements, as

distinguished from nonassertive conduct, they are admissible as admissions obtained before the authorities had commenced a process of interrogation that lent itself to eliciting incriminating statements. In *People v. Cotter* (1965) 63 A.C. 404, 411, the opinion recites: "The more crucial conversation (the fourth) with the officers in the police car, was admissible for the further reason of absence of one of the conditions deemed essential to render the statement inadmissible under the rules laid down in Escobedo, Dorado and Stewart. Clearly, the statement made in the police car was not the product of a process of interrogation aimed at eliciting incriminating statements from defendant. The police merely asked him what had happened at the Buus residence. They were affording him an opportunity which police officers normally and routinely offer to any person whom they are taking into custody to give any explanation of his conduct which he may desire to give. It is a routine means of commencing an investigation."

If the defendant's express admissions at this stage of the investigation may be admitted, he should also be held accountable for such "admissions" as properly may be inferred from his conduct. The foregoing principle not only covers the evidence of the original interrogation by both officers to which defendant failed to respond, but also the original question after the burglary was discovered when he was asked if he had anything to say for himself and ultimately allegedly responded, "Was there a burglary committed in that building

(C) Finally defendant contends that *Griffin v. California*, *supra*, 380 U.S. 609, requires a reappraisal of the rule which permits evidence of conduct, more particularly silence, of the defendant to be admitted as evidence of consciousness of guilt. (See *People v.*

Stewart, supra, 236 A.C.A. 27, 30-31.) Griffin holds that the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination is violated by a rule which permits comment on the defendant's failure to take the stand and testify in his defense. The rule on its face does not apply to commentary on defendant's conduct prior to the trial. It is already established by Simmons that no inferences may be drawn from an accused's failure to offer an explanation where he rests it on the privilege to remain silent. Dorado, as noted above, extends the prohibition to the situation where the elements of that case are present either because the defendant was warned of his right to remain silent and so rests on that privilege, or because he should have been warned of that right and the failure to warn taints all that is elicited from the accused thereafter. Nothing in Griffin requires the rejection of the inference to be drawn from the accused's nonassertive conduct, or from his silence prior to the accusatory stage when it is not rested on constitutional grounds. The considerations of reasonable investigation, sanctioned by Dorado, should control.

II. The items found in defendant's possession were admissible in evidence.

Defendant contends that of the items found in his possession only the socks should have been admitted in evidence. This objection goes to the black silk sack, black gloves, the pen-lights - one in his hand and one in the sack - the watch cap, the bolt cutters and the three plastic strips. The court excluded the bolt cutters, and defendant's argument is confined to the plastic strips, so the remaining articles do not require individual attention. Although the bolt cutters themselves were not admitted into evidence, the testimony that they were found on the defendant's person was never stricken. The propriety of the action of the prosecution in establishing and subse-

quently referring to defendant's possession of this tool is involved.

"As a general rule, physical objects which constitute a part of the transaction, or which serve to unfold or explain it, may be exhibited in evidence, if properly identified, whenever the transaction is under judicial investigation." (People v. Bannon (1922) 59 Cal. App. 50, 56; and see Code Civ. Proc. §1954; People v. Trujillo (1948) 32 Cal. 2d 105, 115; People v. Green (1939) 13 Cal. 2d 37, 43; and People v. Lindsay (1964) 227 Cal. App. 2d 482, 497-501.)

An early decision of the Supreme Court upheld the admission and exhibition as evidence of burglarious tools which were found in the defendant's carpet bag at the time of his arrest, because the record failed to show that they did not tend to connect the defendant with the burglary in question. The court stated:

"Burglarious tools found in the possession of the defendant soon after the commission of the offense may be offered in evidence whenever they constitute a link in the chain of circumstances which tend to connect the defendant with the commission of the particular burglary charged in the indictment. But before they can be received it must be shown that the burglary charged was in fact committed. When this has been done nothing remains but to ascertain who was the guilty party; or in other words to connect the defendant with the burglary thus established. It rarely happens that this can be done by the direct evidence of witnesses who saw and recognized the defendant in the act; hence in a majority of cases a resort must be had to circumstantial evidence, and any circumstances of which it can be reasonably affirmed that they form links in a chain which tends to connect the defendant with the commission of the burglary are competent evidence against him; but circumstances of which this cannot be affirmed

are not. Hence the possession of burglarious tools at or about the time the burglary was committed may or may not be a material fact and competent for the prosecution to prove, and whether it is or not depends necessarily upon the other circumstances of the case. In order to render it material there must be a possible and probable connection between it and the other circumstances given in evidence. If it appears from the other evidence in the case that the defendant was in the vicinity at or about the time the burglary was committed and that it was committed by the aid of burglarious tools, the possession by the defendant, at or about that time, of corresponding tools may be shown, because by such evidence it is shown that the defendant had the means to commit the offense in the mode in which it was committed and because the possession of the means by which the offense was actually committed is a circumstance which tends when other circumstances do not oppose but agree with it, to connect the accused with the commission of the offense. But if it appears from other evidence that the burglary was not committed by means of burglarious tools, as where the burglar has entered by an open door or window, the possession of burglarious tools cannot be shown; because, so far as the case shows, there is no connection, probable or possible, between it and an offense confessedly committed without the aid of such tools. (People v. Winters (1866) 29 Cal. 658, 659-660.)

Defendant asserts that none of the objects found on his person other than the socks were shown to have been connected with burglary, and that therefore their admission was improper under the principle last set forth in the above quotation. (See People v. Sansome (1890) 84 Cal. 449, 453-455.) He points to the fact that no marks were left on the doorways. This overlooks the testimony of

Officer Miller to the effect that the strips taken from the defendant were burglar tools used to slip a lock on a door; that they were adapted to and in fact could be used to open the door to the apartment building and the door to apartment number 002; and that they usually do not leave a mark. The testimony as to the experiments with the strips was properly admitted. (People v. Sturman (1942) 56 Cal. App. 2d 173, 181; People v. Savage (1936) 14 Cal. App. 2d 142, 144.) It is clear that the tools have a high probative value and are properly admissible where they are shown to have a physical connection with the means used to effect the entry. (People v. Milkes (1955) 44 Cal. 2d 679, 683; People v. Godlewski (1943) 22 Cal. 2d 677, 685; People v. Hope (1882) 62 Cal. 291, 294-295; People v. Lindsay, supra, 227 Cal. App. 2d 482, 497; People v. Weems (1961) 197 Cal. App. 2d 405, 410; People v. Nichols (1961) 196 Cal. App. 2d 213, 227; People v. Cartier (1959) 170 Cal. App. 2d 613, 616.) The tools also are properly admitted if they are reasonably adapted to the performance of the entry which is in fact effected. (People v. Hope, supra, 62 Cal. 291, 294; People v. Clinton (1926) 78 Cal. App. 1, 454; People v. Trujillo, supra, 32 Cal. 2d 105, 116; and see People v. Lindsay, supra, 227 Cal. App. 2d 482, 499; People v. Peete (1921) 54 Cal. App. 333, 347-351.) There was no error in admitting the strips.

Some cloud is thrown on the admission of the other articles by the statement in Winters, supra, on which defendant relies. (See also People v. Sansome, supra, 84 Cal. 449, 453-455; People v. Nichols, supra, 196 Cal. App. 2d 223, 227-228; and People v. Miller (1957) 50 Cal. App. 2d 212, 213-214.) Defendant fails to consider the circumstances of this case. The articles were not secured in connection

with an arrest removed in time and distance from the offense, but one immediately connected with the alleged illegal act. Under such circumstances the possession of articles - sack, gloves, pen-lights, watch cap, and bolt cutters - reasonably adapted to use in connection with the commission of a burglary whether so used or not, are properly admissible as showing defendant's felonious intent. (People v. Gibson (1949) 94 Cal. App. 2d 468, 470, 471-472; People v. Sturman, supra, 56 Cal. App. 2d 173, 180-181; and see People v. Weems, supra, 197 Cal. App. 2d 405, 410.)

It is concluded that all of the articles offered by the prosecution were properly admissible into evidence.

III. The exhibition of the articles prior to their admission in evidence did not constitute prejudicial error.

Defendant asserts that the trial court erred in permitting the district attorney to keep several items of evidence on the counsel table in front of him and in full view of the jury prior to the introduction of any testimony regarding them, or their being marked for identification, or admitted into evidence. His failure to point out any transcript reference where allegedly erroneous rulings were made, renders it unnecessary to give this argument any consideration. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 15(a); People v. Meyer (1963) 216 Cal. App. 2d 618, 635.)

It has been noted, however, that the defendant early in the trial, while the victim was identifying his socks, requested: "Will counsel be further directed not to place on counsel table such exhibits as he may have until or unless they have been produced into evidence?" The items in question were not identified except as "certain pieces of what appear ... to be material." Subsequently a similar ob-

jection went to the gloves, the black bag, some socks and a hat. The court indicated they should not be so exhibited if not relevant, but permitted the prosecutor to proceed as he deemed advisable in regard to relevant articles. A final objection was made to articles on the counsel table which were thereupon exhibited to Officer Hoover and identified by him as having been removed from the possession of the defendant.

The point involved is not a question of trial technique and order of proof. It involves balancing possible prejudice, in the event articles of a highly inflammatory or prejudicial nature, which are subsequently found inadmissible, are exhibited before the jury, with the necessity of proceeding with the trial in an orderly, efficient, and timely manner without unwarranted interruptions for the purpose of reviewing each item of evidence out of the presence of the jury. The exhibition of improper materials to the jury should not be condoned. (See *Page v. State* (1949) 208 Miss. 347, 361-362; 44 S. 2d 459, 465; and *Helton v. Mann* (1942) 111 Ind.App. 487, 500; 40 S. 2d 395, 400-401.) On the other hand insofar as the articles are admitted into evidence, no error can be shown and no possible prejudice can result. The exhibition of the bolt cutters, despite the fact that they were not admitted in evidence, cannot be the basis of error, because, as has been indicated, the trial court could have admitted them in evidence. (See *People v. Miller*, supra, 150 Cal. App. 2d 212, 214; and cf. *People v. Gibson*, supra; and *People v. Sturman*, supra.) Furthermore, the testimony that they were found on the defendant was never stricken from the record, and the error, if any, in exhibiting what was properly referred to verbally could not be prejudicial.

IV. There was no error in referring in argument to defendant's possession of the bolt cutters.

Defendant refers to numerous occasions on which the prosecutor in making his argument to the jury referred to the fact that defendant had the bolt cutters in his possession when apprehended. It is error, and may be prejudicial, to refer to an article as though it were utilized in the commission of an offense, if, despite a reference to it in the testimony, it was not admitted into evidence and not connected up with the crime in question. (People v. Evans (1952) 39 Cal. 2d 242, 246-247 and 251-252.) In the instant case, however, the article mentioned in the argument was in fact connected up with the defendant at about the time of the commission of the offense. For the reasons set forth above it was not error to admit testimony of this fact, and it was not error to refer to that testimony even though the article itself had been, albeit erroneously, excluded. (People v. Amaya (1901) 134 Cal. 531, 539; People v. Costa (1956) 145 Cal. App. 2d 445, 447.)

The appeal from the order denying the motion for new trial is dismissed, and the judgment (and the sentence as merged therein) is affirmed.

Sims, J.

WE CONCUR:

Lullivan, P. J.

Colinari, J.

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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

8 GRANT WILSON, Jr.,

9 Petitioner,

10 -v-

11 FRANK MADIGAN,

12 Respondent.

13 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

14 Real Party in Interest.
15

No. 44981

16 ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS,
17 VACATING ORDER RELEASING PETITIONER ON BAIL, AND
18 ORDERING PETITIONER'S RETURN TO THE CUSTODY OF RESPONDENT.

19 Petitioner stands convicted by the Superior Court of
20 the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, of
21 first degree burglary, Cal. Pen. Code Sec. 459. He is currently
22 free on bail from state custody under the order of this Court
23 dated April 14, 1966, pending outcome of this habeas corpus
24 proceeding. Petitioner was sentenced to a term of from five
25 years to life. The execution of the sentence was suspended,
and he was placed on probation for a period of four years upon

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1 terms and conditions which included serving a term of one year
2 in the county jail. Subsequent to his conviction, petitioner
3 served approximately two months in the county jail after which
4 the trial court set bail and released petitioner pending the
5 outcome of his appeal in the California District Court of
6 Appeal. The District Court of Appeal decided adversely to
7 petitioner on November 30, 1965, People v. Wilson, 238 Cal.App.
8 2d 447 (1965). Appeal to the California Supreme Court followed,
9 and on January 26, 1966, the Supreme Court of California denied
10 a petition for a hearing of his appeal. Thereafter, on March
11 29, 1966, execution of the remainder of the sentence was ordered
12 and petitioner was ordered back into respondent's custody.

13 The substance of petitioner's allegations is that he
14 was denied his federally protected constitutional rights
15 when the prosecution introduced evidence of his silence in
16 response to accusatory questions as an admission by silence.
17 In this contention petitioner is incorrect, because of the time
18 at which his case arose. Petitioner's trial commenced February
19 20, 1964. It is now clear that the silence of an individual
20 under police custodial interrogation cannot be used against
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1 him in a criminal trial,^{1/} Miranda v. Arizona, 384 U.S. 436,
2 468 n. 37 (1966); however, the holding in Miranda is not
3 available to persons whose trials began before June 13, 1966,
4 Johnson v. New Jersey, 384 U.S. 719 (1966). Petitioner contends
5 that footnote 37 in the Miranda opinion which supports his
6 position should not be measured by the prospective application
7 ruling of Johnson, but by the rule of prospective application
8 for Griffin v. California, 380 U.S. 609 (1965), as stated in
9 Tehan v. Shott, 382 U.S. 406 (1966).^{2/}

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19 ^{1/} In view of the disposition of the case, it is not neces-
20 sary to decide whether there was "custodial interrogation" in
21 this case, and the Court expresses no view as to whether peti-
22 tioner was in custody at the time the interrogation was con-
23 ducted.

24 ^{2/} The rule for prospective application of Griffin is differ-
25 ent from that applied to Miranda. The Griffin decision is
applicable to all cases not final as of the date Griffin was
decided. Tehan v. Shott, 382 U.S. 406 (1966). Miranda is
applied only to trials commencing as of the date of the deci-
sion or later. Johnson v. New Jersey, 384 U.S. 719 (1966).

1 The argument is novel and there is an analytical analogy be-
2 tween comment on the failure of a defendant to testify, which
3 is prohibited by Griffin, and an adoptive admission by silence
4 in this case. Nonetheless, the plain language of Miranda
5 indicates that petitioner's contention is not well taken.
6 The footnote in question provides:

7 Lord Devlin has commented:

8 "It is probable that even today, when there is
9 much less ignorance about these matters than
10 formerly, there is still a general belief that
11 you must answer all questions put to you by a
policeman, or at least that it will be the worse
for you if you do not." Devlin, The Criminal
Prosecution in England 32 (1958).

12 In accord with our decision today, it is im-
13 permissible to penalize an individual for exercising
14 his Fifth Amendment privilege when he is under
police custodial interrogation. The prosecution
15 may not, therefore, use at trial the fact that he
stood mute or claimed his privilege in the face of
16 accusation . Cf. Griffin v. California, 380 U.S.
609 (1965); Malloy v. Hogan, 378 U.S. 1, 8 (1964);
17 Comment, 31 U. Chi. L. Rev. 556 (1964); Develop-
ments in the Law - Confessions, 79 Harv. L. Rev.
935, 1041-1044 (1966). See also Bram v. United
18 States, 168 U.S. 532, 562 (1897). (Emphasis added.)

19 Miranda v. Arizona,
384 U.S. 436, 468 n.37 (1966)

20 It is apparent by a reference to the relevant text of the
21 opinion which discusses the coercive evils of interroga-
22 tion of a suspect, including the dilemma posed by silence in
23 the face of accusations and also the precise language of the
24 footnote, that the footnote is considered a part of the
25 holding in Miranda. The reference to Griffin v. California,

1 supra, is merely by way of analogy and does not incicate that
2 the prospectivity should be governed by the same rules
3 applicable to Griffin.

4 Accordingly, this petition for writ of habeas corpus must
5 be and hereby is DENIED, the order releasing petitioner on
6 bail is vacated, and IT IS ORDERED that petitioner be returned
7 to custody of respondent in accordance with his previous state
8 sentence.^{3/}

9 Dated: December 6, 1966

10 /s/ ALFONSO J. ZIRPOLI
11 United States District Judge

12 3/ The Court notes that California law has been a bellwether
13 in this particular area, as well as many other areas concern-
14 ing the rights of the criminal defendant. In People v.
15 Simmons, 28 Cal. 2d 699 (1946), it was held that there are
16 very limited situations in which admissions by silence can
17 be introduced as evidence of guilt in a criminal trial.
18 Factors to be considered in making the determination included
19 a consideration of whether the conduct of the accused merely
20 indicates a desire to avail himself of the rule against self-
21 incrimination or whether it could reasonably give rise to an
22 inference of acquiescence or guilty conscience. When this
23 test is applied to the facts of this case, it seems clear
24 that the state itself conceded that petitioner was invoking
25 his privilege against self-incrimination. The record is re-
plete with comment by the prosecutor on the silence of the
defendant. Two of the more startling examples of comment by
the prosecutot are:

1 "What is your name?" This is an innocent
2 man, mind you, and he didn't know anything about
3 the law; just a grand guy out there in the street.

4 Trial Record p. 398 (emphasis added).

5 That man knew in advance what to do - for
6 example, not to talk to police officers.

7 Trial Record p. 423 (emphasis added).

8 (For conclusion of this footnote, see p. 6)

1 It is surprising to this Court that the state courts found
2 that the above comments did not violate the rule laid down in
3 the Simmons case; but the question is one of state law, not
4 federal law, since petitioner cannot come within the date for
5 prospective application of Miranda.
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CERTIFICATE OF
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TO APPEAL

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17 The Court having considered petitioner's application
18 for a Certificate of Probable Cause to Appeal; and, the Court
19 being unable to say that an appeal from its order denying said
20 application would be frivolous;

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22 AND GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR

23 THIS COURT CERTIFIES THAT THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE TO
24 APPEAL ITS ORDER DENYING THE PETITION FOR THE WRIT OF HABEAS
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1 CORPUS HEREIN DATED DECEMBER 6, 1966. (28 U.S.C. Sec. 2253).

2 DATED: December 14, 1966.

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6 /s/ ALFONSO J. ZIRPOLI

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